

# **The Scandinavian Gathering Place**

## **Grandparents of Virgil Peterson**

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In 1862, Andrew and Mary Peterson built a five room adobe home on the site of the present day Bridal Shop. These folks were the grandparents of Virgil Peterson, in 1993 Lehi's oldest living resident.

The present building was built before 1889. This home and yard was a gathering place for Danish, Norwegian, and Swedish immigrants in early day Lehi. An apple tree stood over a well at the southwest corner of the home. The friendly Scandinavians drank many a cool cups of water from the well and enjoyed apples from the trees.

In 1943, the Jamisons established a bakery here and in 1946, Julian's Drugstore opened here. 1958, Glen established a Barber shop and Connie began the Bridal Shop business. They still use the water from the old well.